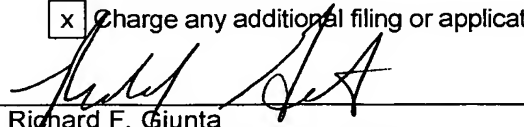
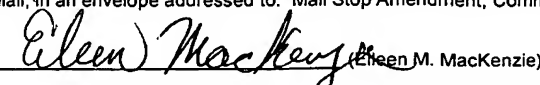




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Application No. 10/731796-Conf. #4319		Filing Date December 9, 2003		Examiner L. Iwashko	Art Unit 2186
Applicant(s): Stephen J. Todd, et al.					
Invention: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR CACHING A LOCATION INDEX IN A DATA STORAGE SYSTEM					
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 Richard F. Giunta Attorney/Agent Reg. No.: 36,149				Dated: <u>April 11, 2006</u>	
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Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action dated January 12, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration. To further the prosecution of this application, the rejections have been carefully considered and are addressed below. The application is believed to be in allowable condition.

Initially, Applicants thank Examiner Iwashko and a Primary Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of April 5, 2006. The substance of the interview is summarized herein.